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1. OAU SECRETARY GENERAL SALIM GAVE AMBASSADOR EVENING OF JUNE 20 FOLLOWING AIDE MEMOIRE WHICH HE HAD GIVEN TO THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR ON JUNE 17 CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN RWANDA.

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2. BEGIN TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE:

1. THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY WAS TODAY, 17 JUNE 1994, APPRISED OF FRANCE'S INITIATIVE TO UNDERTAKE A LIMITED MILITARY OPERATION, OF A HUMANITARIAN NATURE IN RWANDA, WITH THE COOPERATION OF SOME EUROPEAN AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

2. THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY SHARES WITH THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT, GRAVE CONCERN OVER THE MASSACRES WHICH HAVE BEEN PERPETRATED IN RWANDA AND THE KILLINGS THAT ARE STILL GOING ON. THE ORGANIZATION EQUALLY SHARES THE CONCERN OVER THE CONTINUING HOSTILITIES BETWEEN THE FORCES OF THE RWANDESE INTERIM GOVERNMENT AND THOSE OF THE RWANDESE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND THE ACUTE HUMANITARIAN
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CRISIS THAT THESE HAVE PRECIPITATED.

3. THIS IS WHY THE OAU DEEPLY REGRETTED THE UNFORTUNATE DECISION OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL TO DRASTICALLY SCALE-DOWN THE SIZE OF THE UNITED NATIONS ASSISTANCE MISSION IN RWANDA AT THE HEIGHT OF THE CRISIS AND WHEN THE LIVES OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS WERE VISIBLY IN IMMINENT DANGER. THE OAU EQUALLY DEEPLY REGRETTED THE FAILURE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO ACT TO PREVENT THE ORGANIZED MASSACRES OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS WHICH ENSUED; AND THE FLIGHT OF MILLIONS INTO A LIFE AS REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS.

4. REGRETTABLE AND UNFORTUNATE AS THIS FAILURE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO ACT IN GOOD TIME, AT THE TIME, TO MAKE A CRITICAL DIFFERENCE WAS, IT IS STILL NECESSARY, EVEN NOW, TO TAKE URGENT AND DECISIVE MEASURES TO PREVENT FURTHER KILLINGS; TO BRING AN END TO THE HOSTILITIES, TO ARREST THE HUMANITARIAN CATASTROPHE IN THE COUNTRY, AS WELL AS TO ASSIST THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT IN CREATING THE APPROPRIATE CONDITIONS FOR PEACE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ARUSHA PEACE AGREEMENT.

5. IT IS WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF MEETING THESE URGENT AND

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CRITICAL OBJECTIVES, THAT THE OAU HAS PERSISTENTLY URGED THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL TO TAKE DECISIVE ACTION, AND CALLED UPON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO SEE, HOW AND IN WHAT FORM, THEY CAN BRING PRACTICAL CONTRIBUTION TO A UNITED NATIONS UNDERTAKING IN RWANDA. DECONTROLLED/UNCLASSIFIED

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6. THE ORGANIZATION WELCOMED THE DECISION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO EXPAND UNAMIR AND ADJUST THE MANDATE OF THE MISSION TO INCLUDE THE PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS AND THE SECURING OF THE DELIVERY OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE. THE OAU NOTES THAT BOTH THE RWANDESE GOVERNMENT AND THE RWANDESE PATRIOTIC FRONT AGREE WITH THE MANDATE OF UNAMIR AND HAVE ALSO WELCOMED ITS EARLY DEPLOYMENT.

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7. IN RESPONSE TO THE APPEAL OF THE OAU, A NUMBER OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES HAVE OFFERED TO CONTRIBUTE A TOTAL OF OVER 4000 TROOPS TO SERVE WITH THE EXPANDED UNAMIR II. SOME HAVE, WITHIN THEIR MEANS, MADE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE MISSION AS WELL AS OFFERED TO EXTEND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT TO IT.

8. THE OAU REMAINS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED HOWEVER, THAT THE FULL DEPLOYMENT OF THE EXPANDED UNAMIR II TO RWANDA HAS, SO FAR, BEEN PREVENTED BY THE LACK OF LOGISTICAL MEANS. THE ORGANIZATION CONTINUES TO URGE, IN PARTICULAR THE SECURITY COUNCIL, TO PROVIDE UNAMIR II, WITH THE

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FINANCIAL AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT IT REQUIRES, TO ENABLE
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 LONG WITH THE NEED FOR HUMANITARIAN ACTION, THE OAU

HAS PRIMARILY, THROUGH THE MEDIATOR, PRESIDENT MOBUTU AND THE FACILITATOR, PRESIDENT MWINYI AS WELL AS THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION, EXPENDED EFFORTS AT BRINGING THE PARTIES INTO DIALOGUE WITH A VIEW TO PUTTING A SPEEDY END TO THE MASSACRES AND THE HOSTILITIES AS WELL AS TO MEETING THE HUMANITARIAN CHALLENGE THERE. TO THIS END, THE OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS DURING THEIR SESSION IN TUNIS FROM 6 TO 11 JUNE 1994, AND SUBSEQUENTLY THE ASSEMBLY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT DURING THEIR SESSION FROM 13 - 15 JUNE 1994, DEPLOYED CONSIDERABLE EFFORTS AIMED AT FINDING A SPEEDY SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT IN RWANDA. THESE EFFORTS TOGETHER WITH THOSE DEPLOYED BY THE LEADERS OF THE REGION THROUGH THE INITIATIVE OF THE MEDIATOR, PRESIDENT MOBUTU SESE SEKO OF ZAIRE, AND THE FACILITATOR, PRESIDENT ALI HASSAN MWINYI OF TANZANIA, CULMINATED INTO AN AGREEMENT ON A CEASEFIRE BETWEEN THE TWO OPPOSING FORCES. ADDITIONAL EFFORTS NEED

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TO BE EXPENDED, IN ORDER TO SECURE AND CONSOLIDATE THE
CEASEFIRE.

10. THE OAU WISHES TO UNDERLINE THAT THE INTERNATIONAL CONSENSUS ON ACTION IN RWANDA, WHICH HAS NOW FOUND EXPRESSION IN UNAMIR II, MUST BE SAFEGUARDED AND STRENGTHENED, IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN EFFORTS AT PROTECTING LIVES, ENDING WAR AND HANDLING THE GIGANTIC TASK OF PROVIDING HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS IN THE COUNTRY. TO SAFEGUARD AND STRENGTHEN THAT CONSENSUS MUST INVOLVE, INTER ALIA, CONTINUED JOINT AND COORDINATED ACTION WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY.

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11. ANY AND ALL ACTIONS BY AN INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY OR GROUP OF COUNTRIES SHOULD CONSEQUENTLY BE UNDERTAKEN WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THAT INTERNATIONAL CONSENSUS, AND OF THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS ASSISTANCE MISSION IN RWANDA. THIS EXPANDED UNITED NATIONS INVOLVEMENT IN RWANDA HAS THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY.

12. THE OAU IS THEREFORE OF THE STRONG VIEW THAT EVERY EFFORT AND RESOURCES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MUST BE PUT INTO THE TASK OF SUPPORTING THE MISSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN RWANDA, AS WELL AS SUPPORTING THE

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CURRENT EFFORTS OF THE OAU AND THE COUNTRIES OF THE
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